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rights of the people of Nebraska to know and it is no more than their medium for information and communication. Now with that, I would ask that this amendment be adopted so we can take telephone conversations out completely and have the bill apply only to correspondence and memoranda. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I think you would have a worse situation if you adopted this, and I am sure others can speak to that, than you do right now, because you would apparently take away even the exclusion that the Attorney General has recognized for investigative and constituent inquiry and so on and so forth. I don't think the press even wants this kind of thing, and you are not going to help the legislative process or the press by doing this. You know, you can only push so far and I think you are pushing too far. Rather kill the bill than do this, I suspect.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall the debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The question is, shall the debate cease? The issue before us is the Hoagland motion. If you wish to vote on this matter, please do so. The issue is whether debate shall cease or not. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate is ceased and Senator Hoagland may close.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President, I offer this amendment as a good faith attempt to prevent this Legislature from making a very serious mistake in excluding from public scrutiny all records of telephone conversations made at state expense. Again, I have no quarrel with the correspondence-memoranda part of the bill, but I think we are making a serious mistake to exclude our own records of telephone conversations. So I would ask that this amendment be adopted.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the Hoagland amendment to LB 565. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk will record the vote.